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In Re Application of : Jack R. Bratten
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For : ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING A
MINIMUM FLOW VELOCITY IN THE COOLANT RETURN
OF A MACHINE TOOL COOLANT FILTRATION SYSTEM
Examiner : Robert J. Popovics
Art Unit : 1724
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-7 as anticipated by Hensley (U.S. Patent No. 5,595,462) under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Claim 1 recites a method of maintaining a minimum flow velocity in a return piping which receives the dirty coolant collected in a centralized machine tool coolant filtration system by directing a make up flow of a clean coolant in the return piping.

Hensley is concerned with maintaining a strong flow of clean coolant at the cutting tools using a combination of a high pressure pump and a low pressure pump. While there is some consideration of maintaining an adequate flow to the cutting tools, in Hensley there is no consideration given to add clean coolant to a return piping carrying collected coolant draining